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1. It was planned to construct a trunk cable net around Berlin for telecommunication purposes. This cable was to extend from Biesenthal via Strausberg, Mueggelberge, Grossbeeren, Wildpark, Nauen, Oranienburg to Biesenthal. The Grossbeeren - Gueterfelde, the Oranienburg - Biesenthal, the Berlin - Mueggelberge and the Mueggelberge - Grossbeeren sections of this trunk line were scheduled to be completed by 31 March 1955, while the Biesenthal - Mueggelberge section was to be completed by 30 September 1955. The Nauen - Oranienburg section was designed as an overhead telephone line (Tf Leitung) while all the other sections of system were designed as cable lines. 1
2. Work on the construction of a 700-pair cable extending from Bernau to Frankfurt/Oder was started in mid- December 1954. In section I the Fernmeldebauamt (Telecommunication Construction Office) (FBA) in Frankfurt/Oder was in charge of construction work from Alt Madlitz toward Bernau, while construction from Bernau toward Alt Madlitz was being executed by FBA Potsdam. The cables were laid at a depth of 70 centimeters. 2
3. In February 1955, the laying of the 700-pair cable was discontinued between Bernau and Frankfurt/Oder because of frost. Long-distance cable No. 161 was to be extended from the Mueggelberge hills to Biesenthal via Strausberg. 3
4. Between late January and mid-February 1955, it was observed that the German postal administration was laying an underground cable which extended from the former Strausberg airfield (Seehaus I) along the new road west of Lake Strausberg via a point west of Strausberg railroad station and Lake Stienitz, then turning toward the southeast shortly before Tasdorf. The cable is said to terminate in the Ruedersdorfe-Kalkberge hills. According to a telegraph construction worker, the cable has an outer diameter of 5 to 6 centimeters. The cable is former German army equipment and had previously been used for a connection between Berlin and East Prussia via Frankfurt/Oder. The cable ditch used was 1 m deep. A permanent structure, probably a switching station,

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had been built southwest of Strausberg railroad station on the course of the cable line. From this house a cable led to Object V on Annex 2. The switching station was permanently guarded by KVP soldiers. In mid-February, 17 cable reels were seen at Strausberg railroad station. According to a worker, the cables were to have been laid some time ago which was, however, not possible because auxiliary equipment required was not available.

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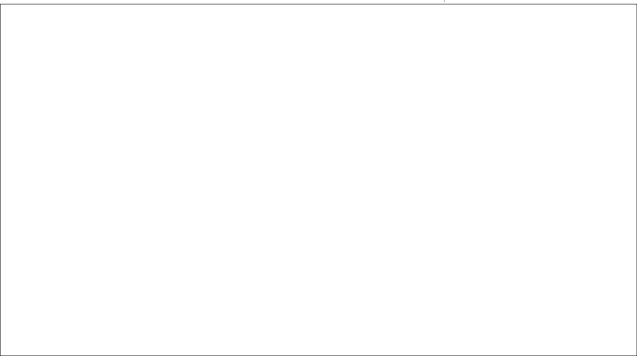
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